



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

R. A. GIDDINGS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/636,286

Examiner: John M. Hoffman

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: QUARTZ FUSION FURNACE AND METHOD FOR FORMING QUARTZ ARTICLES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider the Second Amendment after Final Rejection under 35 C.F.R. §1.116, previously submitted May 23, 2003.

A personal Examiner Interview is requested subsequent to the filing of this RCE but prior to the first office action on the merits. Applicants' representative will call the Examiner to arrange the Interview upon filing of this RCE.

Attached is our Credit Card Payment Form authorizing charge of the amount of \$750 in payment of the required fee. Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 500917 as needed to ensure consideration of this and the enclosed documents. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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